

# *Peter... saith, I am not.*

## **John 18:13-23**

### **John 18:13**

**Annas:** Powerful spiritual leader in the nation.

Most likely chief of the Sanhedrin.

Appointed by Quirinius, governor of Syria, A.D. 6

Deposed by Valerius Gratus, A.D. 15.

Manipulative ... exercised authority through members of family.

Annas ran the show.

Head of Sadducean party.

60 yrs of age.

**Caiaphas:** Annas' son-in-law,

Full name: Joseph Caiaphas.

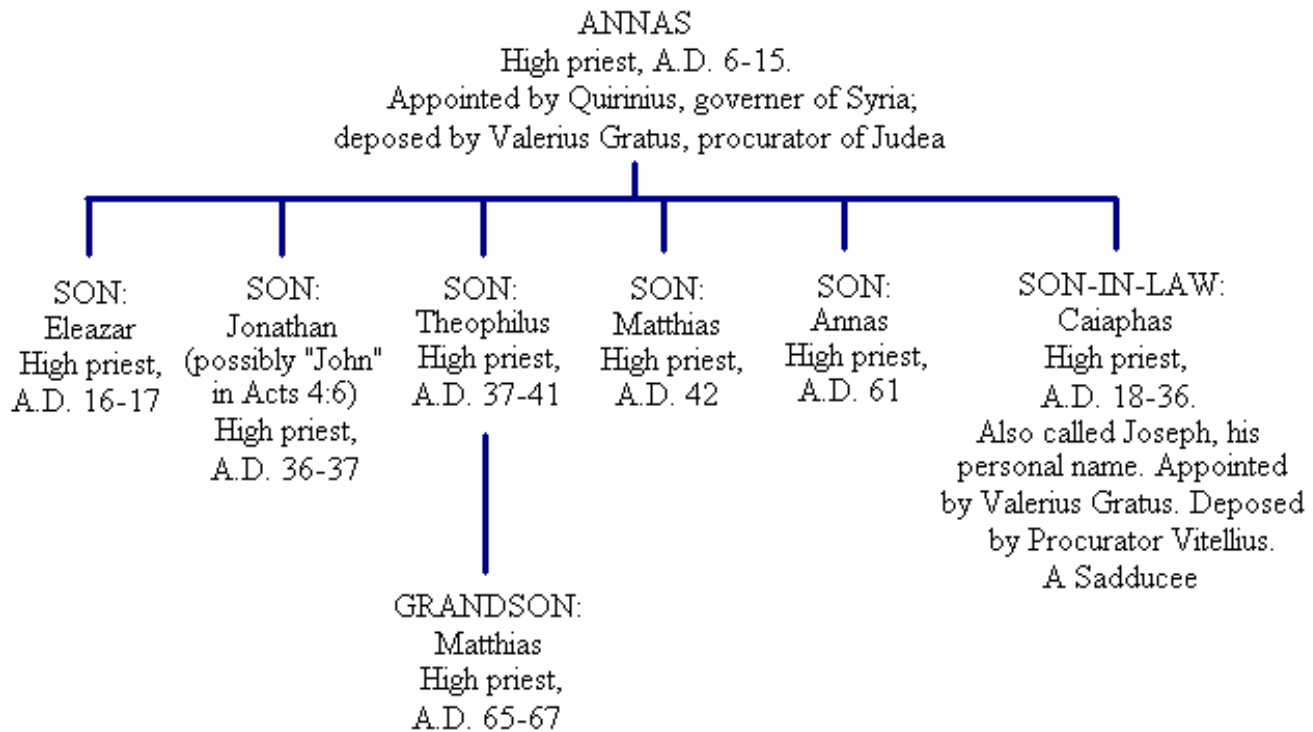
High priest 18 yrs

Pilate and Caiaphas deposed in A.D. 36 by Lucius Vitellisu

***That same year***— Romans took over responsibility of appointing and taking down high priests

Followed no rules except high priest come from certain priestly race.

## Annas' Family



Why to Annas?

He knew law better than all others.

Not want to run risk of having charges dismissed

### Timeline:

Jesus arrested in Gethsemane

Led by soldiers and religious officers to house of Annas....

Brief trial.

Gave Caiaphas opportunity to get ducks in row ... delay tactic.

Peter following at distance.

Like major drama production that is acted on 2 stages.

Stage one is being set up (vv12-14)

While stage two being seen (vv15-18).

All lights on stage one (vv19-24)

Back to stage two (vv25-27)

**18:12-14 Jesus before Annas.**

## Jesus' Six Trials

### Religious Trials

Before Annas

Before Caiaphas

Before the Sanhedrin

John 18:12-14

Matthew 26:57-68

Matthew 27:1-2

### Civil Trials

Before Pilate

Before Herod

Before Pilate

John 18:28-38

Luke 23:6-12

John 18:39-19:6

### John 18:14

#### **Cp John 11:50**

*Consider:* dispute, reason

*Expedient:* to be profitable.

Caiaphas not concerned about law.

Not concerned about ethics

Wanted what was profitable.

*Let Jesus die for the nation instead of the whole nation perishes for this one man.*

**Hend:** *Under the guise of noble patriotism this unscrupulous scoundrel was trying to get rid of an obstacle to his own popularity and glory.*

**Phillips:** *Far better, in his view, to get rid of an unwanted messiah than subject himself to deposition and the nation to Roman martial law, along with possible cancellation of domestic autonomy, and Roman interference in the temple economy.*

His point:

Follow Jesus and kiss your nation goodbye.

Within 40 years after crucifixion city overthrown, temple destroyed...stone by stone taken apart... Jews slaughtered...nation destroyed.

They didn't know:

Nation preserved because of sovereign hand of God's protection

When they put Messiah to death God removed His protection.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

### John 11:51-52

***And this spake he not of himself:*** Words carried double meaning.

OT prophets often spoke words didn't understand.

**Hughes:** *He was a cold, calculating, capable, self-sufficient, shred, self-satisfied ecclesiastical climber. He had come to the top of his profession. But*

*I think if he would have felt under his crown, he would have found that his ears had grown long, rough, and hairy, like a donkey's. After all, like Balaam's donkey, he was unwittingly giving a prophecy of Christ.*

What mean? Jesus would be scape goat or the sacrificial lamb for the Jewish political system.

Bigger meaning? Jesus die for sins of world.

### **Appearances before Annas and Caiaphas illegal.**

- Capital offenses tried by a quorum of 23. ...
- The witnesses strictly separated and examined individually. If testimony of two agree, it was taken as valid.
- In capital cases everything done to give accused benefit of the doubt. Votes for acquittal taken first.
- Civil cases could be tried at night, decisions returned during the day. Capital cases could be tried by day only. ...Capital cases not tried on eve of Sabbath or feast.
- Cases of alleged blasphemy witnesses cross-examined to ascertain the exact words used by the accused.
- On the way to execution, further efforts were made to establish the prisoner's innocence.
- The blasphemer was to be stoned. ...After stoning, blasphemer's corpse hung on a gibbet, taken down same night, buried in common grave.

### **John 18:15**

Peter and other disciple gained courage and came back and followed Jesus

John 20:2 John 21:20, 24

John had access into the high priest's courtyard.

### **John 18:16**

We see other disciple entering into palace unchallenged.

### **John 18:17**

Said in negative way.

Contempt: *You're not really a follower of Jesus, are you?*

### **Jn 13:37**

*I will lay down my life for thy sake.*

### **Opposite true**

1. Peter not ready
2. Jesus lay down His life.
3. Peter not lay down life for Jesus

### **John 13:38**

**Deny**: disown, deny utterly. To affirm no acquaintance or connection with someone

**The cock shall not crow** : time indicator.

- Evening—6-9 PM
- Midnight—9-12 PM
- Rooster-crowing—12-3 AM
- Morning—3-6 AM

### John 18:18

***Servants and officers...*** soldiers probably sent away after no longer useful.  
 Denials came over space of several hours ... two different locations.

***They warmed themselves.*** Cold spring night. Jerusalem 2,500 feet above sea level.

***and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.***

### John 18:5

**Phillips:** *It was a dishonorable position for a disciple. It is always dangerous for the Lord's people to put themselves in compromising positions, always dangerous to stand and warm one's hands at the world's fire.*

### John 18:19

***High priest: Annas.***

Private, unofficial meeting

***asked Jesus of his disciples*** How get these men to follow you?

How many are there?

How big a threat?

***and of his doctrine.***

Wanted to find out number and power.

Acts 8:33

### Acts 18:20

***Openly:*** frankly, bluntly, outspoken...

***I ever taught:*** always teaching.

***Synagogue:*** local assembly. Meeting places of Jews

***Temple:*** permanent structure....

***whither the Jews always resort;*** The Jews assembled weekly in their various synagogues.

***and in secret have I said nothing.*** Nothing private, hidden.

Matt. 10:27

***and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.***

Doctor of the Law have interpreter ...whisper Hebrew in ear of interpreter and interpreter loudly speak ...

When Holy Spirit speaks ...to be shared....

*...that preach ye upon the housetops....* Public crier would stand on a flat roof and yell out public announcements. **Luke 12:3**

**John 18:21**

Jesus confrontational.

Knows questioning illegal

**John 18:22**

Man who struck Jesus -- one of the Temple police.

**Phillips:** *...for as long as he lived, he would carry with him a hand that had once been violently laid across the cheek of God incarnate.*

**John 18:23**

*Instead of reverting to physical abuse why don't you try legal system?*

Law of day specified accused person under protection of court

Barnes: *Turning the cheek refers more to private matters than public.... It does not demand that, when we are unjustly arraigned or assaulted, and when the law is in our favor, we should sacrifice our rights to the malignant accuser. Such a surrender would be injustice to the law and to the community, and be giving legal triumph to the wicked, and destroying the very end of all law. In private matters this effect would not follow, and we should there bear injuries without reviling or seeking for vengeance...*